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KIRAN Scheme for Women Scientists
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has revised fellowship and total project cost under knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement through Nurturing (KIRAN);

(b) if so, the details thereof including research findings/scholarships;

(c) the total amount disbursed under the said scheme since its inception yearwise;

(d) the number of women scientists working in the various research institutions and technology departments/agencies of Government; and

(e) the steps taken to improve the participation of women scientists in the science and technology both at national and global level?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI.Y. S. CHOWDARY)

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) The fellowship and total project cost have been revised under KIRAN (Knowledge Involvement Research Advancement through Nurturing) w.e.f. 01.01.2015. The revised fellowship for Ph.D and equivalent category is Rs 55,000/- pm, M.Tech and equivalent category is 40,000/- pm and M.Sc and equivalent category is Rs 30,000/- pm with revised total project cost of Rs 30 lakhs, 25 lakhs and 20 lakhs, respectively for Three (3) years.

(c) KIRAN was started in 2014-15. The total amount disbursed in 2014-15 was Rs 44 Crore and an amount of Rs 25.6 Crore has been disbursed during 2015-16 upto 31 July, 2015.

(d) As per the latest Official Statistics available (01.04.2010), the number of women scientists working in various research institutions and science and technology departments/agencies of Government are 13660 out of the total 27532 women R&D manpower employed in the country.

(e) "KIRAN" Scheme provides re-entry opportunities to women scientists with break in career in order to bring them back in mainstream. KIRAN provides various opportunities to improve participation of women scientists through its programmes, namely, Women Fellowship Schemes (WOS-A, WOS-B and WOS-C), Institutional support (Consolidation of University Research for Innovation and Excellence in Women Universities "CURIE"), Entrepreneurship Development and Training & Capacity Building Schemes (National and International) related to basic research, societal development and self-employment.

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